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SUBJECT: HELICOPTERS FOR MAURITIUS

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1. STATE AND DOD CONCUR YOUR ASSESSMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REFTEL. USG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE SURPLUS HELICOPTERS AS A RESULT OF VIET NAM SETTLEMENT. IN ANY EVENT WE DO NOT RECOMMEND SURPLUS HELICOPTERS FOR COUNTRIES WITHOUT ADEQUATE REHAB AND MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY. LIMITED USG HELICOPTERS AND PERSONNEL ASSETS PRECLUDE ANY CONSIDERATION OF POSITIONING USG RESOURCES ON MAURITIUS FOR SEARCH AND RESCUE PURPOSES.

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2. BEGIN FYI. GOM NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GOVT- TO- GOVT SALES OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR TRAINING WITHOUT PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION (PD). CONSIDERING CONGRESSIONAL CLIMATE RE GRANT ASSISTANCE AND OUR DESIRES TO REDUCE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN SAME, DEPT. DOES NOT CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE TO REQUEST ELIGIBILITY FOR GOM. END FYI.

3. YOU MAY WISH TO INFORM PRIME MINISTER THAT SEVERAL US COMPANIES PRODUCE HELICOPTERS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ON A COMMERCIAL SALES BASIS AND WHICH ARE MOST ADEQUATE FOR THE PURPOSES HE ENVISIONS. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT

INITIAL PURCHASE COST WOULD VARY WIDELY DEPENDING UPON MISSION CAPABILITY DESIRES AND TYPE HELICOPTERS PURCHASED, I. E., APPROXIMATELY DOLS 450,000 FOR THE BELL 205, APPROXIMATELY DOLS 1.7 MILLION FOR THE SIKORSKY CH3 C, OR APPROXIMATELY DOLS 2.7 MILLION FOR THE SIKORSKY CH54. OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE AND TRAINING COSTS WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THESE SUMS AND WOULD PROBABLY BE QUITE HIGH. IF GOM DESIRES TO PURSUE THIS MATTER THROUGH COMMERCIAL SOURCES, STATE ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED TO PLACE GOM IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH COMMERCIAL FIRMS. ROGERS

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